LTC in Public Sector Banks

1766. SHRI C RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of orders issued by Government on freezing of Leave Travel Concession in Public Sector Banks as per announcement during Budget Speech;

(b) the year-wise and bank-wise payouts made on Leave Travel Concession in Public Sector Banks during the last three years;

(c) whether the aforesaid decision has evoked strong protests and resentment by officers/staff of the banks;

(d) if so, the grounds of their resentment;

(e) whether presently there is re-thinking on this issue in Government and there is likelihood of review of these orders;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the present status of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) A copy of the Office Memorandum issued by Department of Personnel and Training on suspension of Leave Travel Concession (LTC) for Government employees was forwarded to the Public Sector Banks on 14.6.2001.

(b) Available information is given in the statement *(See* below):

(c) to (g) On receiving certain references from various quarters seeking clarification with regard to implications of the letter dated 14.6.2001, it was clarified that the instructions issued by Government on the subject do not apply automatically to banks and, therefore, the LTC facility already in vogue in Public Sector Banks/Financial Institutions may continue under the decision of the Bank.

Statement

Year-wise expenditure incurred on account of Leave Travel Concession facility for the last three years in the Public Sector Banks

Sl.No .	Name of the Bank	Expenditure incurred in the year (Rupees in Crores)		
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Andhra Bank	3.63	3.40	3.57
2.	Bank of Baroda	15.49	20.07	21.91
3.	Bank of India	10.30	13.58	14.18
4.	Central Bank of India	8.10	10.84	11.83
5.	Corporation Bank	2.12	2.33	3.01
6.	Indian Bank	5.99	7.54	6.09
7.	Indian Overseas Bank	7.57	8.14	8.13
8.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	3.07	3.26	4.14
9.	Punjab National bank	9.48	13.69	13.01
10.	UCO Bank	6.76	8.85	7.94
11.	United Bank of India	4.84	6.02	5.90
12.	Vijaya Bank	3.56	4.28	4.79
13.	State Bank of India	74.36	65.58	73.31
14.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	4.07	4.90	3.39
15.	State Bank of Hyderabad	3.41	4.00	3.77

Re-structuring of Central Board of Excise and Customs

1767. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be . pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise sanctioned strength of Central Board of Excise and Customs as on 30th June, 2001;